

**CASS 2008-2009 STAGE1 FILE
NEW THINGS TO LOOK FOR**

NEW CATEGORIES

AG – Input has a valid ZIP+4 that matches a firm record and the firm name is not present on input. Match to the firm record. (Match)

4H – No input ZIP Code, software can match into the Unique as long as an exact match is made. A Firm Match is no longer required. (Match)

4D – Input contains a Unique ZIP Code; software can make an exact match in a Non-Unique ZIP if a match cannot be made in the Unique ZIP Code (match)

4I – Input contains a ZIP+4 for a Unique ZIP Code but the +4 is not in the valid range of the unique, software will be required to retain it. See the unique matrix to determine how to calculate the carrier route and record type for these records.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CYCLE M CHANGES

- DPV validate an address with a secondary value of 0
- Return the Preferred Alias instead of the Base
- Suite^{Link} is mandatory to test in CASS
- DPV Tie Breaking for the Cardinal Rule
- DPV Tie Breaking for Overlapping Ranges
- Retain input ZIP+4 on Firm Records
- 30 Character Abbreviations must be returned on the CASS test
- 13 Character City Name must be returned on the CASS test
- Unique ZIP Code Changes:
 - Retain Input Unique ZIP+4 whether it is valid or not
 - When input has a Unique ZIP Code, software can make an exact match in a Non-Unique ZIP Code if a match cannot be made in the Unique ZIP Code.
 - When input has no ZIP Code, an exact match can be made into a Unique
 - When the input has a Non-Unique ZIP Code, a match can now be made into a Unique if an exact match is present and there is not an exact match in Non-Unique.

Refer to the CASS Cycle M minutes posted on RIBBS at http://ribbs.usps.gov/files/cass/CASS_Cycle_M for more specifics on the Cycle M changes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Passing Score will remain 98.5% (NO CHANGE)